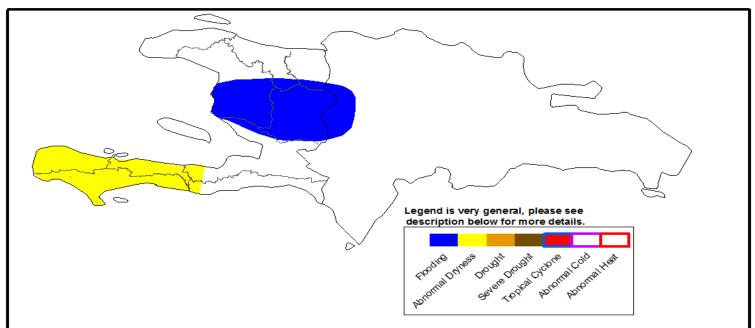






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET June 20 – June 26, 2013

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During the past week, moderate to heavy rain (>20mm) was recorded across central and northern Hispaniola. The heaviest precipitation (>40mm) was observed across central/northern portions of Haiti and bordering areas in northwestern Dominican Republic. Torrential rains in the Artibonite and Centre departments of Haiti resulted in flooding, which damaged infrastructure. Also, the above-average weekly rainfall totals helped to increase seasonal rainfall surpluses across northern Hispaniola. In contrast, little to no rain (<10mm) fell across southern Haiti, increasing seasonal rainfall deficits across southwest Haiti and likely negatively impacting cropping conditions. The largest seasonal deficits exist across the southwestern peninsula of Haiti in the Nippes, Sud and Grand'Anse departments. To date, seasonal rainfall has been less than 25% of normal. For the next week, moderate to heavy rain (>20mm) is forecast for central and eastern Dominican Republic and localized areas in central/northern Haiti, which will increase the risk for flooding. Lighter amounts of rain (<15mm) are expected across dry areas in southwest Haiti.